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**YUBA CITY MAN SENTENCED TO THIRTY MONTHS IN SCHEME TO  
FRAUDULENTLY OBTAIN COMPUTER SERVICES AND PRODUCTS**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney John K. Vincent announced today that BRANNON LEO MARLIN, 27, of Yuba City, California, was sentenced today by U.S. District Court Judge Garland E. Burrell, Jr. to thirty months in prison in connection with a scheme to fraudulently obtain computer services and products. MARLIN plead guilty to one count of mail fraud on March 1, 2002, and was remanded into custody on March 29, 2002. MARLIN was also ordered to pay \$1,822,000 in restitution, and to serve a three-year term of supervised release following his prison sentence. Parole has been abolished in the federal criminal system, and MARLIN will be required by law to serve at least 85% of the prison time imposed.

As part of his guilty plea, MARLIN admitted that during the period of July of 1997 through May of 2001, he obtained computer services and products worth over \$1.8 million by submitting fraudulent credit applications and making other false representations, which enabled him to make these purchases "on credit." MARLIN also admitted that he re-sold some of these fraudulently obtained computers at a discount to third parties, keeping the proceeds for himself. MARLIN was remanded into custody on March 29, 2002, after a United States Magistrate Judge ruled that he was still attempting to fraudulently obtain computer products, even after pleading guilty.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James P. Arguelles and was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Detective Division of the Yuba City Police Department, and the Brea Police Department.

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